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SUBJECT: PURCHASE BY NETHERLANDS GASUNIE OF NATURAL GAS FROM
PHILIPS GROUP OF OIL COMPANIES, NORWAY

1. PHILIPS GROUP OF OIL COMPANIES LAST WEEK ANNOUNCED THAT A
NEW CONTRACT IS BEING NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY OF NATURAL
GAS FROM THREE FIELDS NEAR EKOFISH IN NORWEGIAN SECTOR OF
NORTH SEA TO EUROPEAN GAS CONSORTIUM.

2. CONTRACT, PRESENTLY SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY NORWEGIAN
GOVERNMENT, PROVIDES FOR DELIVERY OF 646 MILLION CUBIC FEET
PER DAY TO GAS CONSORTIUM (RUHRGAS, WESTERN GERMANY; GASUNIE,
NETHERLANDS; DISTRIGAZ, BELGIUM; AND GAS DE FRANCE) STARTING
IN 1977.

3. DELIVERIES TO NETHERLANDS GASUNIE WILL AMOUNT TO AN ANNUAL
RATE OF ONE BILLION CUBIC METERS OVER 20 YEAR PERIOD, WHICH
TOGETHER WITH CONTRACT CONCLUDED WITH PHILIPS IN 1973,
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BRINGS AMOUNT OF NATURAL GAS RECEIVED BY GASUNIE FROM

NORWEGIAN CONTINENTAL PLAT UP TO 2.5 BILLION CUBIC METERS.

4. DESPITE LARGE RESERVES OF NATURAL GAS (2.3 TRILLION CUBIC METERS) AND EXPORT OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF NATURAL GAS, GOVERNMENT ENERGY POLICY IS AIMED AT PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS TO COVER INCREASING ENERGY DEMAND.
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